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**Cc:** Distefano, Nichole[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov]  
**From:** Russo, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Wed 8/12/2015 1:49:07 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Call with Admin McCarthy

Hi Darlene,

I just wanted to loop you in. I'll get you information as I receive it here.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Rebecca

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**From:** Distefano, Nichole  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 7:29 AM  
**To:** Zupancic, Nicholas  
**Cc:** Azoolin, Liel; Andisco, Agustina; Herckis, Arian; Russo, Rebecca  
**Subject:** RE: Call with Admin McCarthy

Hi Nicholas –

We are trying furiously to get a schedule together for today and some things are still in flux. But here is the general outline:

She gets into Durango at around noon or soon thereafter and will head to the unified command

center for a briefing and meetings with all the partners located at the center, including the states and locals. There is a press availability scheduled for 2:00 but location is still unconfirmed – we will send you the advisory for the event when we have it.

My understanding is that she still has blocks of time held on the calendar to talk with your boss and hopefully that will work out.

I am copying Rebecca Russo who is our regional contact. She will be getting in touch with your district staff to make sure they have the latest as it all gets confirmed.

Let me know if there are other questions you might have and I will try to answer them as quickly as I can.

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**From:** Zupancic, Nicholas [<mailto:Nicholas.Zupancic@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 8:49 AM  
**To:** Distefano, Nichole  
**Cc:** Azoolin, Liel; Andisco, Agustina; Herckis, Arian  
**Subject:** Re: Call with Admin McCarthy

Any update? We are leaving Durango now to meet Senator Gardner and other local officials at the mine in Silverton. I also heard she will be in Farmington today on the local news.

Thanks,

Nick

On Aug 11, 2015, at 7:00 PM, Distefano, Nichole <[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov](mailto:DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hey Nicholas-

We are still trying to nail some things down. I'll be in touch as soon as we've got a better sense of what is happening when.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 11, 2015, at 8:48 PM, Zupancic, Nicholas <[Nicholas.Zupancic@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Zupancic@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for the quick response and your help in facilitating the phone call.

Will the Administrator be participating in any public meetings or press briefings tomorrow? I will be attending a meeting and taking a tour of the mine tomorrow with Senator Gardner in Silverton. Is she planning to attend or would she like to attend?

Just trying to get a gauge on what she is going to be doing so we can have staff in attendance.

Thanks,

Nick

On Aug 11, 2015, at 6:42 PM, Azoolin, Liel <[Azoolin.Liel@epa.gov](mailto:Azoolin.Liel@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Nicholas,

I reached out to Agustina this evening to set up a time for our bosses to speak over the phone. We were hoping they could talk at either 7:45am MST or 12:30pm MST.

Please let us know if any of those times would work.

Thank you,

Liel

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 11, 2015, at 8:39 PM, Zupancic, Nicholas <[Nicholas.Zupancic@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Zupancic@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Any update on tv Administrator's schedule tomorrow while she is in CO?  
We are trying to coordinate efforts in Durango and Silverton for different meetings and briefings.

Thanks,

Nick

On Aug 11, 2015, at 2:38 PM, Distefano, Nichole

<DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Augustina-

I just spoke to Nicholas. I am looping you directly with our scheduling team who can hopefully find some times that will work to connect our bosses.

Arian and Liel - the Congressman is not in the country at the moment but he would like to talk with the Administrator tomorrow.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 11, 2015, at 4:22 PM, Andisco, Agustina  
<Agustina.Andisco@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Nicole,

Please disregard my last email. I had just spoken to my chief.

Best,

Agustina

Agustina Andisco

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**To:** "Zupancic, Nicholas"  
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Hey Nicholas –

I am trying to run down some options. Hope to be back to you shortly.

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**From:** Zupancic, Nicholas  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 3:40 PM  
**To:** Distefano, Nichole  
**Subject:** Re: Call with Admin McCarthy

Nichole,

Thoughts on being able to arrange a call this afternoon?

Nick

On Aug 11, 2015, at 11:53 AM, Distefano, Nichole  
<[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov](mailto:DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Tim

I am the Deputy Associate Administrator for  
Congressional Affairs at EPA. I don't believe we've met.

I wanted to reach out to you to see if your boss would be  
willing to doing a call with Administrator McCarthy  
today regarding the Gold King Mine spill. I reached out  
to Tim last night but hadn't heard back so I wanted to  
circle with you.

If you think this is something your boss would be  
interested in send me your scheduler's contact info and I  
will have our scheduling office reach out to coordinate  
the call.

Thanks,

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